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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 6-8, as follows:

Figures 9A and 9B together are ~~Figure 9~~ is an illustration of a word policy in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 7-29, as follows:

The present invention provides an improved method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for allowing a user to skim or speed read a web page. The present invention recognizes that no mechanism is present to compress content in a document, such as a web page, without degrading readability of the message by the user and without changing the physical and ~~special~~ spatial characteristics of the original document. Currently available compression techniques are mainly used to improved storage of data, communication time, and performance. These mechanisms, however, change the physical relationships between text and graphical objects on a web page.

Please amend the paragraph that starts on page 14, line 18, and ends on page 15, line 9, as follows"

In this example, browser 402 sends a request to modify a web page for a user. This request is received by word compression engine 418 in server 400. In this example, the request includes a user identification as well as the web page to be modified. The web page is sent from a content render engine 420 in web browser 402 to word compression engine 418. Based on the identification received in the request, a word policy for a user is retrieved from word based speed reading database 416 by word policy manager 414 and for use by a policy helper method, which aids word compression engine 418 in analyzing various words in the web page to modify or compress the web page to facilitate faster comprehension of the content in the web page. In these examples, the policy helper method used by word compression engine 418 is a compression helper method. Using this policy helper method, word compression engine 418 modifies the web page to generate modified or compressed content. This modified content is then returned to content render engine 420 for display to the user. In the depicted examples, the

modified or compressed content retains the physical and spatial ~~special~~ characteristics of the original document.

Please amend the paragraph on page 18, lines 5-19, as follows:

With reference now to Figures 9A and 9B ~~Figure 9~~, an illustration of a word policy is depicted in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Data structure 900 is an example of a word policy, representing rules and words that are to be considered in modifying or compressing a document. Data structure 900 in this example is implemented as a class that provides the different rules as well as a list of words to be deleted. Data structure 900 also references a word list, which is used by the policy helper method to aid word compression engine 418 in analyzing words to modify the web page. The word list represents words that should be removed or made invisible in the document in this example. Of course, data structure 900 may contain integers or other symbols representing words to be deleted.